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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to a non-final Office Action mailed September 26, 2005 ("Office Action") and is being mailed or transmitted before the 3-month deadline for reply of December 26, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 23-0455.

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	13	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	15 minus 20=	* $\emptyset$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 minus 3 =	* $\emptyset$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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BASIC FEE	385.00
XS 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL	

OTHER THAN  
OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	750.00
XS18=	
X86=	
+290=	280.00
TOTAL	1030.00

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SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
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XS 9=		X\$18=
X43=	100	X86= 200
+145=		+290=
TOTAL ADDT. FEE		TOTAL ADDT. FEE 200

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				<input type="checkbox"/>

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+145=	
TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* —	Minus	* — = —
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				<input type="checkbox"/>

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X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
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TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

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